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## The Rise and Progress of the Labor Movements

By ROBERT SAUNDERS.

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### INTRODUCTION

*"Remember, not thine is the power,  
Thou art but a steward divine  
Of the share of that other, thy brother  
Whose hand lacks the cunning of thine."*



SCHOLAR has put in poetic phrases not only an ideal that man should strive for, but also an ideal that is becoming more and more a practical necessity in this work-a-day world.

The evolution of society can be seen as a long series of struggles between social classes for the possession of economic power. Out of this long struggle came a form of democracy, first in Government, but now penetrating further and further into the management and even the control of industry.

Many of the concepts which have had an important influence upon the course of social and political movements are of humble origin. Of such is the Labor Movement.

Conceived under the most humble surroundings, born in adversity, nurtured in violence, and eventually reaching its full stature bearing many scars from its economic battles. This is Labor!

### The Story and the Struggles.

The story of labor is a story of how the wage-earner as a distinct class has been gradually, even violently, separating himself from the farmer, the merchant, and the employer, and coming to feel that his standing and progress in society depend directly on wages and not directly on prices, rents, profits and interest.

The origin of trade unions can, in many cases, be definitely traced to the encroachment of the merchant-capitalist upon the standard of life of the

mechanics. This applies to both the old world and the new world.

The early grievances were based on the sweat-shop practices injected by the large employer, and the main motive for organizing was to protect a standard of life as skilled mechanics. This applies especially to the early movements which were essentially craft unions and not, as in this twentieth century, large industrial unions.

The inevitable result of the divorce of the ownership of labor and capital has been the loss of security by the wage-earner. Under modern conditions then the problem was two-fold, the quest for a job and the quest for social security.

Speaking broadly, the slave was secure; his job was continuous, and his master was obliged to maintain him in employment and unemployment, in sickness and in health. This security, which was a security without rights, based upon the denial of freedom, the wage-system swept away.

But let no one be deceived into thinking that in this uphill struggle labor slept in a bed of roses. Even in this twentieth century man has to renew his lease on liberty and that not without a most violent struggle. So to-day our problem is that of re-establishing security without re-establishing virtual chattel-slavery.

### The Rise of Unionism.

It is a commonplace to say that Trade Unionism arose out of the miseries that men and women endured in the latter part of the 18th and the earlier part of the 19th century. The history of the Industrial Revolution is testimony enough for anyone on that. And even in the U. S. A. the Court was obliged to say (*Barasita vs. Marceline Coal Company, 1904*) that

"The miner's union is not an organization for the purpose of conducting any business enterprise; but is purely one for the protection of labor against the unjust exactions of capital."

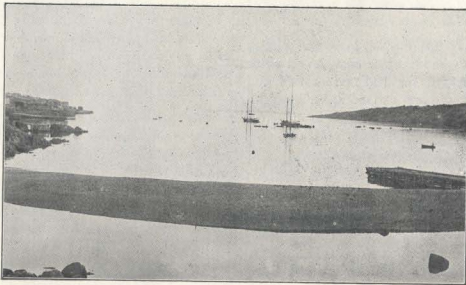
The Labor Party in England was and is an expression not merely of an academic doctrine, but of living social forces. Unlike in the U. S. A., where the Unions have not generally, until recently, been adherent to any political party, in England Unionism and the Labor Party are practically synonymous terms.

It was a movement which was regarded with the greatest apprehension both by employers and politicians. It ceased to be unlawful in 1824, but its adherents were punished for a considerable time after this date.

In this evolution in legality it must be noticed that both in England and the U. S. A. Parliament and Congress have refrained from making trade unions liable in their corporate capacity. There is no need to explain the significance of this to one versed in labor problems, and labor is fully aware of the issues involved. Some encroachments have been made in this immunity of labor; but if the industrialist could get a Government to incorporate every labor union then the union as a union could be brought into Court to answer for all the doings of all its members. This is a 20th Century issue.

#### Early Legislation.

In order to counteract the effect of legislation beginning with the early Statute of Labourers, which made labor compulsory and restricted the compensation, the English workmen began to form



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It enjoyed what perhaps may be called "a qualified legal toleration" down to 1871. As the result of a series of Acts passed from 1871 to 1876 it acquired something of a secure legal position.

In the U. S. A. as long as 40 years ago it was said in *United States vs. Moore* that

"The right of a citizen to organize miners, artisans, labourers or persons in any pursuit as well as the right of individuals in such callings to unite for their own improvement or advancement, or for any other lawful pursuit, is not a right, privilege or immunity granted or secured to the citizens of the United States, by its constitution or laws... but is a fundamental right of a citizen in all free Governments."

combinations. In the then existing state of the law such combinations were no doubt unlawful, since their main purpose was to raise wages above the rate fixed by Act of Parliament. Accordingly some English decisions in the Courts held that a combination of two or more persons for the purpose of obtaining higher wages was a criminal conspiracy.

In the year 1800 a statute was passed (40 George III c. 106) directed against all associations of workmen. By the first section of this Statute.

"All agreements between journeymen and workers for obtaining an advance of wages for themselves or for other workmen, or for lessening the hours of work, or for preventing or hindering any person from employing whom-



soever he should think proper to employ, or for controlling or in any way affecting any person carrying on any manufacture in the conduct and management thereof," were thereby made and declared to be illegal.

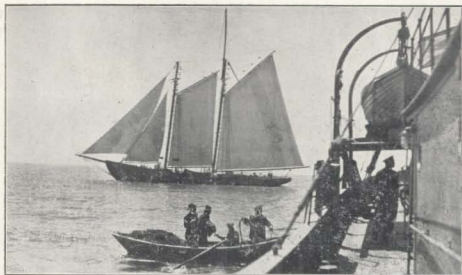
As late as 1867 the Court of Queen's Bench held that a Trade Union was in some measure "In restraint of trade," and to be an illegal, though not a criminal, association.

Not until 1875 was the right of workers to combine in order to attain their ends conceded fully. In 1906 with the passage of the British Trade Disputes Act, the ban on peaceful picketing and the bringing of pressure upon an employer by means of a secondary strike or boycott was removed. In the U. S. A. Acts counterpart to the British Acts have

In England the first labor members—both miners—were elected in 1874. They were two miner candidates out of fifteen in the field; but as some of their support came from Liberal elements they were ranked as Liberal-Labor in the House.

The early political agitations of labor in the 1870's resulted in such acts as Employers and Workmen's Act. The Criminal Law Amendment Act was replaced by the Conspiracy and Protection of Property Act of 1875. By this Act peaceful picketing was legalized.

The general election of 1892 was an upsurge for labor. It was then that Keir Hardie, John Burns and J. Havelock Wilson became prominent, when they were elected to Parliament along with twelve other Liberal Labor, mostly miners.



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been the Wagner Act, which among many other things provides for collective bargaining, and the Norris-LaGuardia Act, which the Federal Courts have said

"Was intended to limit drastically the power of the Federal Courts to issue injunctions in labour disputes."

#### Labor in Politics.

The Union of Trades formed in Manchester around 1826 was not successful as a political party; but a similar organization in Philadelphia in 1827 gave rise to a Working Man's party. This movement was an important political force for several years and one with which the old established parties were obliged to reckon and to which they had to make concessions.

In the election of 1886 the working-class representatives rose to eleven. But they did not act as a separate party: they all sat and voted as Liberals and one accepted office as Under-Secretary to the Home Office in the Liberal Government.

Organized labor in England has had an independent political party since the 1890's, when the Independent Labor Party was founded. The Labor Party was formed on the eve of the Twentieth Century and in 1906 twenty Labor representatives were returned to Parliament. At the General Election in 1918, 62 representatives of the Labor Party were elected.

The main policies of the British Labor Party are embodied in a report issued around this 1918 election. The four fundamental propositions of this report are:

- (1) The democratic control of industry;
- (2) The complete reform of national finance;
- (3) The surplus wealth to be used for the common good;
- (4) The enforcement of a national minimum whereby all the requisites of a healthy life and worthy citizenship, including a prescribed minimum of health, leisure, education and subsistence, are assured to every person.

The pronouncements of the leaders reiterated this. Thus Arthur Henderson, one of the Old Guard in those days, has said:

"In opposition, and presently, as we believe and hope, in office, labor will seek to build up a new order of society, rooted in equality, dedicated to freedom, governed on democratic principles."

The State has immensely extended the sphere of its industrial and economic action, and much of the extension is certain to be permanent. The talk to-day of nationalism of various industries is nothing entirely new. So far back as 75 years ago John Stuart Mill, a great writer and thinker in Political Economy and the son of a clergyman, founded the Land Tenure Reform Association. The more advanced Liberals at that time were also land reformers. As early as 1882 The Trade Union Congress, against the will of the platform, carried a resolution in favor of the nationalization of the land.

The State of yesterday actually operated as the protector of property and the champion of the economically dominant class. It was fearful of disturbing the existing order. But great events make their own reforms, and the State of to-day sees the old order passing away. Like it or not, it is compelled to accept a "Fait Accompli."



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### Looking Backward and Forward.

Does it not seem strange, however, that great economic forces, beyond the power of a man or a party to control, may make their own adjustments? Thus the depression of the 1930's and the war of the 1940's has brought industry more under Government control whether they liked it or not.

The spendings of war reformed and made adjustments in many branches of finance, particularly in Foreign investments in which Great Britain had a huge stake all over the world.

The needs of war dried up many of these. The leisure class who lived off the returns from these is now nearly extinct. Great levelling forces are abroad in the world and the wit of man cannot stay their hand.

And as Labor assumes the role of Government in many countries it has a legacy of a capitalistic condition where both the economic and political organizations tend to assume colossal proportions. It is the role of labor to make these organizations serve the needs of all.

Despite the hand on the horizon pointing to the left, we should be cautioned that political institutions are never static, but are always in a state of flux, and who can say just where the great current is flowing. Rather may we exclaim:

"These changi'g tides which sometimes seem  
In wayward endless course to tend  
Are but the eddies of a mighty stream  
Which moves to its appointed end."

(The writer is a brother of Miss L. M. Saunders of Squires and Saunders and Newfoundland's first Lady Lawyer).

# The Home and the Child

By REV. J. J. MURRAY.

**A**LL that I could see from my window was a small bundle of squirming humanity vociferously protesting against being carried like a sack of potatoes. He had suffered the supreme indignity of being caught in the act of pilfering in the Church, and was now, willy nilly, on his way to be judged and sentenced. His grimy little face, crissed-crossed with tear stains and dirt, showed two eyes filled with terror, as he dropped from two strong arms on the floor before me. Not seven years old, and a thief: what a horrible thought!

What made him do such a thing? No answer except more tears and "I'll never do it again, I'll never do it again; don't punish me and I'll never do it again." Punish him? He needn't have feared anything except a lecture and his being sent back to school. Besides having no authority to punish I didn't feel the least inclined. Pity is a poor hand-maid to discipline I know, but the child was more to be pitied than blamed. Nor did I tell him he would go to hell if he died or to jail if he didn't.

I did tell him about God's love for everybody, even for bad boys like him: how God sent His Son down to earth, where He lived, suffered and died for boys just like him, as well as for grown-ups and to keep boys from doing the things he was doing. Did I impress him? I don't know, but he stopped crying anyhow and that was a help—to me I mean,—whatever about him. I may be wrong, but a threat of jail the next time didn't seem to be the solution this time. The last of I saw of him was going up the steps taking two at a time, clutching in his right hand a note he was to carry to his teacher. The latter, I imagine, would add a few more words of correction, and wisely sit down and write a note to his mother. Her approach to the problems of the youthful burglar would make or mar his future.

The problem of juvenile delinquency has never received more attention than it is receiving to-day. Organized efforts are enjoying well-deserved support. Sincere men and women with the highest motives and the noblest ideals have harnessed their energies to a solution of the problem which is most



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delicate and difficult. It may be too early to pay tribute to their success, not merely because reformation is often slow and difficult but because the object of their experiment doesn't make the headlines after treatment as he did before it. His elimination from the revealing column in the newspaper may of course, be an indirect testimony to the happy result of their efforts. I am sure they are quite satisfied with small returns. The Divine Shepherd would be quite pleased with the one if through no fault of theirs the ninety-nine continued to stray.

Every attempt at the social betterment of mankind needs the inspiration and support of all those who are qualified to co-operate. Money is useful and necessary but it will never buy virtue or dictate moral behaviour. The philanthropist may play a part but his importance will not be exaggerated in the light of the Christian principles that govern our aims. Recreation centres are good as well as necessary: as aids, their worth is unquestioned, but they are only aids. The schools are more necessary still, and with our system of education embracing the needs of body and soul, the wayward receives sympathetic correction, and is prevailed upon by word and example to live up to the ideals which the teachers inculcate. But they too cannot work alone. The Churches in their own particular sphere do their part and keep a watchful and paternal eye on all endeavours that promote the spiritual well-being of Christ's children. But as in all matters economical and social the Church can only erect the signpost to success by enunciating the right principles, and by encouraging men to order their lives according to them. The really effective source of true co-operation is the Christian Family.

This last sentence has all the appearance of a staggering pronouncement never formulated before,

much less realized. While it would be more than presumptuous to claim originality it is far from superfluous to proclaim its importance. It might sound trite but no statement ever so succinctly expressed what is right. It needs no proof in a Christian community such as ours, but it does need to be realized more and more.

In our country, thank God, family life has suffered few vicissitudes that could not be remedied by a modicum of prosperity: something more lasting than the will o' the wisp variety to which we are accustomed. Broken up homes are by no means large in number though the war did raise the percentage to what we considered an alarming degree. The problem child then is not the product of a home torn asunder by divorce or separation. Nor is the economic element always the sole responsibility for his crime against society. Poverty is not always the badge of the crime gang but parental neglect inevitably is. People do not deny their children proper supervision and training because they are poor in this world's goods but because they are sadly wanting in the proper sense of responsibility. The parents create the home life. It has little to do with money or the lack of it. There are exceptions of course but it gives us no right to generalize. They are problem children in the homes of the more fortunate. They may not flagrantly break the law but they very often fail to recognize it. The youthful safe breaker is no asset to society, but neither is the young upstart who squanders his inheritance on frivolous pastimes. A good citizen is something more than a person who shows no tendency to steal a motor car. He must have some sense of civic responsibility and be prepared to promote the welfare of others as well as his own. His home training should prepare him for that whether he is born in a house with two chimneys or one.

A good home rests on the solid basis of faith in God, where the virtues of religion, of filial piety and reverence are steadfastly inculcated. The things



THE WORLD'S FASTEST PLANE.

The world's fastest airplane, the De Havilland jet-propelled Vampire fighter, is used by the Naval Air Arm as well as by the R.A.F.

Its speed although still a closely guarded secret is known to be considerably more than 500 m. p. h. The Vampire becomes air-borne very quickly and has a comparatively low landing speed. Powered by a single

Goblin Jet Turbine, the Vampire, a twin boom fighter with four 20 millimetre cannons,

can fly at between 45,000 ft. and 50,000 ft. Photo shows a Vampire taking

off for a demonstration flight at Heston.



of God must not be relegated to second place. Children have to be made conscious of God, of His watchful Providence, Mercy and Goodness. They should be made equally conscious of their obligation to God; and God should be presented to them not as an ogre in the sky, but as a kind and loving Father. All of which will be done naturally if parents have their own houses set in order. Let them take their cue from the Family at Nazareth, and let their faith in God be their text-book.

Johnny will not pray very fervently if Charlie McCarthy is heard wisecracking in the background, nor will Mary know she is speaking to God if Baby Snooks is prattling her childish asinities right beside her. These homes are exceptions, of course, but in all too many homes the radio is usurping the place of God and the parents. There is very little supervision of programs and children are allowed to listen to anything they please even to those that are only for mature audiences. Mistaking make-believe for reality, their youthful minds are confused, and the consequent bewilderment warps their judgment. The same applies to the movies when no prudent judgment is exercised about their selection. The handsome hero who lives the life of "Reilly," constantly appearing on the screen before children, doesn't foster in them noble ambitions to be worthy citizens. There is no need to mention the pictures that do incalculable harm to religion and morals. Only parents without an atom of responsibility allow their children to attend.

In the home, supervision must be constant, and this supervision applies to the children's recreation, their studies and the fulfilment of religious duties at home and in church. Above all there must be good example. The privilege of creating a home and family is all too seldom properly estimated. 'Tis true that there is very little glamor in the lives of most parents. A daily and constant demand is made on their patience, tolerance and perseverance. Even the most sacred duties become commonplace and only abiding trust in the providence of God can make them see things in their proper perspective. But the same element of defeatism is common to every station in life when we make God a mere observer of our plans and fail to ask Him for help in their execution. We were never meant to work alone because God never meant His work to be entirely taken out of His Hands.

No amount of material progress is worth anything unless spiritual values survive and unless they are kept from being overshadowed by improvements in our material wellbeing. All things come from God, and He Himself has settled once and for all the relative values of each. Because of His dependence on God man himself cannot be the sole arbiter.

## Beacon Lights of Character

By REV. DAVID LANG, D. D.  
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*Be Strong: for in this world of toil are loads to bear  
And hourly tasks, which take the strength of brain  
and arm.*

*With days of cloud, and foes to fight, for all who dare;  
While shelt'ring love alone can shield the weak from harm.*

**BE STRONG.**

*Be True: for through God's world a law of truth holds  
sway,*

*And e'en the flaming stars will fight the life that lies,  
While to the soul that's true, a joyous peaceful way  
Leads forward into light and life which never dies.*

**BE TRUE.**

*Be Kind: for on life's road are brothers wounded sore,  
Stripped by the robber-hands of sharp adversity.*

*Who need the smile of friends, the words of cheer—  
and more*

*The helping hand which lifts the load in sympathy.*

**BE KIND.**

*Be Brave: for to the child of fear come spectres dread,  
Crowding the paths which climb the heights of joy and love,  
But vanish, when is heard the conqu'ring fearless tread*

*Of one who knows the fear alone, of God above.*

**BE BRAVE.**

*Be Calm: for anxious thought and fev'rish haste will  
blight*

*With withering breath, the buds of joy and power;  
While peace and poise and calm repose will gird with  
might*

*And lead to highest gain, with joy for every hour.*

**BE CALM.**

*Be Pure: for Christian faith is moral at the core,  
And only he whose thought is pure, and every deed  
Can clearly see, with knowledge growing more and more,  
The God who dwells with man, fulfilling every need.*

**BE PURE.**

# NEWFOUNDLAND LOG

By REV. H. M. DAWE, B. A., D.D.

"Seafaring men who sailed away  
From rocky inlet and wooded bay."

ALICE DUER MILLER.



T noon on Friday we left St. John's exchanging greetings with other ships in the harbour as we made our way out the Narrows. The day was fine, the sea bracing and in the companionship of fellow travellers, some on pleasure bent, others going to their work, we began to feel as though we were modern Canterbury Pilgrims. "This is release from prison for me," says one. "He is a warden at the State Penitentiary on vacation. "My school commences next week," said another who is returning for the third year to a little isolated community where even the fortnightly mail is discontinued after October, but her face beams as she tells of the accomplishment of some particularly bright pupil . . . .

. . . . The day turned colder and great seas, driven by a strong wind, were pounding the shores as we sighted Cape Bonavista. "Beautiful sight," said Cabot, after his long, long voyage across an unknown ocean in 1497—and ever since it has been called by that name. It is interesting to note that the beacon light upon that storm-swept headland is dated 1816 and was one time used on the Inchcape Rock, from which, as all readers of English literature know that Pirate of the Seas, Sir Ralph the Rover, had cut the bell and then shared the fate he had planned for others. The light is equipped with six lamps in three sets, showing one red, and two white flashes, to guide mariners who approach the bays and harbours along that tempestuous shore . . . .

. . . . For the next two days we journeyed in wind and rain and thick fog. Iron bound headlands stand out in bold defiance to the seas that break in thunderous defeat against their jagged sides, while here and there the coastal range divides to let in the ocean, opening into small and sheltered bays where tiny villages fringe the narrow shore behind which rise majestically the everlasting hills, where echoes are awakened by the

short, sharp blast of the steamer's siren as our ship comes slowly to anchor to dispose of its few packages of mail and freight. Once in three weeks, when weather permits, the steamer makes its round during the season of open navigation and it is the only contact, in many instances, these people have with the outside world.

We made steady progress along the coast, although on one or two occasions, with strong winds blowing on the land, it was necessary to go by certain ports of call because of the hazard and indeed practical impossibility of landing or even attempting anchorage. This happens often and the steamer goes by because nothing else can be done, while the villagers watch from the beach and know that it may be another three weeks or a month before the ship can get back again. One cannot but speak his appreciation of and admiration for the "Captains Courageous" of these Newfoundland ships, however, who, to the unaccustomed traveller, seems to do the impossible in the performance of their duties. One of the most thrilling sights imaginable is to be witnessed at such times when little boats tossing like corks on the water, come alongside with their packages and take back their much needed freight and provisions. To put on board lady passengers from tiny open boats in a raging wind storm when every motion of boat and steamer has to be calculated to a split second to prevent overturning or swamping is a game of necessity that is dangerously but thrillingly played by those toilers of the sea who know no fear and seem to recognize no danger . . . .

. . . . The steamer trip ended when we came within the vicinity of Fogo Island. "Since Fogo was not a regular port of call, the captain arranged for us to disembark in Stag Harbour Run where a motor boat was waiting . . . . The next morning we went to Seldom-Come-By, a little community whose land-locked harbour provides safe anchorage for vessels moving north and south, during the season of open navigation, to their fishing grounds and elsewhere. Twenty sailing craft were in the har-

bour that very morning awaiting a favourable wind. Such havens along a rugged coast are well known to Newfoundland seamen and undoubtedly this small seacoast village received its name from the fact that shipping seldom came by without putting into port.

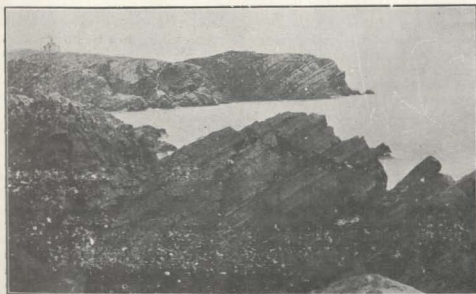
The following morning a boat took us to Joe Batt's Arm and Barr'd Islands and as we journeyed we saw the fishermen miles away on their fishing grounds. . . . The water was too stormy for us to return by boat so that night we walked to Fogo across the island, finding our way along the trail by the light of a full moon and reaching our destination in the early hours of the morning. Along this trail there is a pole to be seen marked with a cross where, a number of years ago, men after long searching, found the frozen body of their minister. He had become utterly exhausted in the storm that was raging, but he had not lost his way, for his snow shoes were found the following spring by the roadside less than ten yards from where he fell. At Joe Batt's Arm a church has been erected to his memory. It is called the Mercer Memorial Church. . . .

The people who dwell in these communities, building their modest homes upon the rocky shore and islands of the bay, constructing their little boats and sailing them in all weathers are dependent almost entirely upon the fishery for their livelihood. But many times the harvest of the sea gives the fisherman a very meagre return and when this happens there is little else to which he can turn to supplement his earnings. This surely brings us face to face with one of the tremendous problems the country has to face realistically in considering the future social and economic welfare of men and

women in a thousand tiny outposts who live their lives in comparative isolation within sight of the sounding sea. In the present situation if the fishery fails their only hope is to accept what relief the Government may be able to give to keep them from quick starvation. Some thought has been given to the idea of the country's agricultural possibilities and indeed one has been greatly encouraged to find vegetables being grown in the most unlikely places and more and better cattle raised.

A resettlement of population, in areas where forests and arable land provide lumbering and much better agricultural possibilities, as alternatives or supplements to fishing seems to suggest the way to a more satisfying life and a higher standard of living. This may not be such a colossal task as appears on the surface although it will involve some expenditure of money. For along this seemingly altogether rugged coast there are long arms of the sea running inland into deep bays, disclosing tree clad islets and forest growing to the water's edge, while wooded valleys stretch away into far distances. Such an area is the beautiful Gander Bay where our ship arrived early in the morning and we caught the scent of newly cut lumber while the hum of whirring saws broke the quiet stillness as men went to their day's work. . . .

. . . . At Comfort Cove in Notre Dame Bay, we found an agricultural society working, land clearing encouraged and co-operative buying of fertilizer, seeds, swine, sheep and cattle. This appears to be an area in which it is possible to successfully combine fishing and farming and where the people have taken a real interest in improving their living conditions.



CAFE SONAVISTA.—LANDFALL OF CABOT.

Such industries must be given every encouragement and assistance. The development of the land and the opening up of the country in such areas by means of roads to the railway line so as to provide them with an outlet for their produce may well mean the beginning of a new day for these industrious folk.

We left Comfort Cove on Monday morning en route to New World Island. Arriving within an hour at Summerford we found that co-operative study clubs had been organized among both men and women and a keen interest was being shown in the Adult Education movement. Isolation and the need of a better education are two important factors that must be seriously considered in any programme for the rehabilitation of this country. Church and state must combine all their forces in order to meet this great human problem . . .

. . . Encouragement should be given to the policy of land development which the government has advocated and with which it has already done some experimenting. Agricultural fairs should be sponsored more and more as a stimulus to the people to demonstrate what can be done . . . In Brigus, for example, there is a retired clergyman whom someone has described as having "the green finger" and of whom Capt. Bob Bartlett of Arctic fame speaks as a person who "preaches Jesus Christ in his garden." For with his model plot and his miniature greenhouse Rev Ezra Broughton has produced as many as fifty-eight varieties of fruit and vegetables to take first place in the country's National Exhibition, earning for himself the well-deserved title of the "Heinz of Newfoundland." . .

. . . On Saturday morning we arrived at Shoe Cove, a little slit in the high head-land that terminates at Cape St. John where we found the fishermen very busy with their second cod trapping "spurt" for the season, a very unusual occurrence. The fishermen along the northern coast usually follow two or three methods of "harvesting" their catch according to the "run" of the fish during the fishing season. The early summer is the usual time for "trapping" when cod of medium size are netted and, in good seasons, brought in by boat loads day after day. This is followed later by "trawl" fishing with baited hooks and lines in deeper waters where much larger fish are taken. In addition to that fishermen use "hand lines," where two or three men to a boat use individual lines with baited hooks.

The occupation is hazardous to say the least and life is hard but no fisherman minds how long his hours when the harvest of the sea can be reaped in such quantities as we witnessed at Shoe Cove and later at LaScie and other ports along the coast. For while we talk about the necessity of the resettlement of population that will do away with the isolation and all its attendant ills of people living in such areas as make impossible even the barest

essential services, there should be no doubt in our minds about the value of our fisheries. But these too, need development . . .

. . . The fishermen whom we met along the White Bay shore were getting good catches of cod but continuous bad weather was making successful curing almost impossible. At a time when the price of our staple industry is much better than it has been for many years, we find these men working under great difficulty contending with the elements, going out day after day to their nets and returning in the driving rain with their catch—always hoping that to-morrow the sun will shine! We cannot but admire these people whose lives are lived beside dangerous waters. They are born fishermen and the sea is their summer home.



LIGHTHOUSE, CAPE BONAVISTA.

Those who have studied the situation carefully will tell us that our fisheries have been among the best in the world, but there is a "lag behind" in development, so that it is possible, as we saw along the northern coast, for thousands of pounds of excellent cod to be spoiled because of bad weather conditions owing to a lack of facilities for handling it . . . We are following with enthusiastic interest the most recent development of the fresh fish filleting plants which are now being erected here and there in centres along the coast and along with it we hope to see a great expansion of deep sea vessels to speed large processing and canning plants . . .

. . . As we journeyed thus day after day, in and out our fishing villages this thought impressed itself upon us more and more. Possessing such natural resources in this one industry alone, we feel that it should indeed be made a "basis of prosperity" without further delay. For, in addition to the increased value of this staple product in our country's economy there will also be the happier, healthier and wealthier conditions of those whose job it is to go down to the sea in ships to engage in business that is done in great waters.



# Achievement Unequalled

By R. J. CONNOLLY, B.A.



CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HARBOUR GRACE.  
DESTROYED BY FIRE, SEPTEMBER 2, 1859.

**I**N the annals of the history of Newfoundland, no building has ever been produced that could be compared with that classic of the nineteenth century, the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Harbour Grace. Modelled after historic St. Peter's, this magnificent structure stood at the east end of the town, with a southern aspect overlooking the sea—the last building to be seen by our fishermen on leaving the port, the first to welcome them on their return.

When excavation for this edifice was begun, there was but one Catholic diocese in Newfoundland. The episcopal residence was at St. John's, and Right Reverend Dr. Mullock, born at Limerick, occupied the See. The corner stone for what was to become the handsomest building in all Newfoundland, was laid by Bishop Mullock in the year 1852. Father Charles Dalton of the illustrious Order of St. Francis, was at the time attached to the parish of Harbour Grace; while Father John Dalton, a nephew, was a contemporary at Carbonear. Four years after the laying of the corner stone of this imposing structure, the Diocese of Harbour Grace was constituted, and Dr. John Dalton became its first bishop. Dr. Dalton was bishop till 1869, when he died at the early age of 49. His successor to the See of Harbour Grace was Dr. Carfagnini, also a Franciscan.

Previous to his coming to Harbour Grace, Dr. Carfagnini had served for seven years as first president of St. Bonaventure's College, and one of its first teachers. Even during the episcopacy of Right Reverend Dr. Dalton, the architecture of the Cathedral was Father Carfagnini's special assignment. After his appointment, Bishop Carfagnini continued to raise funds and to erect wing after wing of the growing building. Bishop Carfagnini was a genius of the first order. He superintended the execution of the plans he himself had designed.

This epoch was the golden era of Harbour Grace. The fisheries were flourishing, and money was no obstacle. Bishop Carfagnini spared neither time, material, nor workmanship. Parts of the old Church, built by Father Dalton were utilized. Stone was quarried at Kelly's Island. But the Bishop had visions splendid, and so he looked to the broader field of the world to find treasure for his dream. As a result vessels came laden to the busy port of Harbour Grace, with Scotch granite, Italian marble, Hamburg brick, American timber.

In 1880 Bishop Carfagnini was transferred to the See of Galipoli, in Southern Italy, becoming Archbishop. The task of bringing to a successful conclusion the work of the Cathedral, now more than twenty-five years under construction, fell to the hands of Dr. McDonald, third Bishop of Harbour Grace. Up to this time the transepts were

used for Divine Service. Bishop Macdonald completed the nave, following closely the original design. Finally the two front towers were completed, and a bell placed in each.

The Cathedral had seven altars. There were three altars in the chapels in the Eastern transept; three in the Western transept; and the main altar of costly marble. The ceilings of the chapels were frescoed, and the side-walls handsomely panelled. The chapels had bronze railings about them; and in addition to these railings, a heavy railing of oak and mahogany surrounded the whole Sanctuary. The pews were of oak and mahogany, imported, to match the main railing. The pulpit was of oak. The Stations of the Cross rested on brass brackets in terra cotta. Ten highly polished granite pillars, with white Carrara caps, supported the walls of the ambulatory. The dome, elegantly wrought, was likewise supported by mas-

sive pillars. Rich stained windows lent beauty to the interior, beauty well calculated to orient the mind, and refresh the weary heart. Other furnishings included a grand organ, many statues, several paintings, the much admired throne, marble-topped tables, Sanctuary lamps, and specially designed carpet. Indeed this Cathedral, of rare beauty, was rich in paintings, statuary, sacred vessels, and other appointments.

Though dedicated on December 8, 1868, the Cathedral was not completed till a few years before the mysterious fire, which came with startling suddenness at 3 o'clock on the morning of September 2, 1889, and in a few hours destroyed the sacrifices of a toiling generation. The handsomest building in Newfoundland, valued at \$350,000 and free of debt, but without a cent of insurance, became for the twentieth century a sort of legend. It could never be replaced.

## PRAISE

By REV. P. P. SHEEHAN, P. P.

*Give praise ungrudgingly to a worthy friend,  
Nor hedge it cautiously around  
With close cropped word, nor qualifying phrase,  
Fearing illusive hopes to raise,  
Or rouse his lurking pride,  
Or puff his worldly vanity.*

*Praise is a sweet, refreshing dew,  
Which, falling on honest hearts,  
Spurs them to nobler efforts,  
And helps achieve greatness.*

## Answering a Child.

By GREGORY J. POWER.

*When He had timed the dark and rolled the plains,  
And drawn the master-plan of country lanes,  
The Lord let down the rain one soft, Spring day—  
Turned on the sun, and spun green miles of May.*

*He took a silver thread and wove a brook  
Among the green—See! where His finger shook  
For mirth—and muted echoes of His laughter  
Ran down spring valleys ever, ever after.*

*Then on the evening breeze He played a tune:  
The stars looked out—uprose the sleepy moon,  
That calls the gnomes and fairies out to play  
By village roadways at the dusk of day.*

*Yes, everywhere. I've seen Him—Oh! quite plain.  
Someday I'll take you down a country lane,  
By farm and fold, and where the goldenrod  
Has set the wind aflame, I'll show you God.*

## FATIMA

By BERTILLE TOBIN.

Hast heard the tale of Fatima?  
Hast heard how the whirling sun  
Seemed to burst from its orbit  
To vouch for the words of One

Who radiant with heavenly beauty  
To three simple children gave  
A formula which if followed  
The world from war would save?

Hast heard how miles of a landscape  
Were flooded with wondrous rays  
Whilst seventy thousand persons  
Knelt in awe and amaze?

Hast heard of a little hamlet  
Which now is a famous Shrine  
Where even rank unbelievers  
Have been vouchsafed "a sign"?

Dost know but years nine and twenty  
Have in their set turn come  
Since were foretold the horrors  
That climaxed with atomic bomb?

Dost know there's a way, one only,  
For Peace to yet bless the world?—  
The Formula brought by the Lady,  
The power in prayer empearled!

## Teacher Training in Newfoundland

By G. A. HICKMAN, M.A.

**S**TUDENT teachers in Newfoundland receive their training at the Memorial University College. Students who have matriculated in six subjects, including English, Mathematics, History, and Geography are qualified for entrance. The College offers a one-year course which includes Educational Psychology, Class-room Management, Methods and Subject Matter in the various school subjects, and Religious Instruction.

It is difficult to meet the needs of all the students in a one-year course. Some will teach in one-room schools, some will teach the Primary Grades, some the Elementary Grades, and others the High School Grades. However, the course keeps in mind the various needs of the students, and strives to meet these needs.

The successful teacher must possess the desirable knowledge, attitudes, and skills which the

profession of teaching demands. These can be acquired only by experience in the classroom. The Teacher Training programme includes Practice Teaching, and this is arranged to afford contact with all the important phases of the teacher's activity, both in and out of school. The skills, attitudes, duties, and responsibilities of the teacher are many, and the teacher should be gradually inducted. To provide for this, the Practice Teaching programme is divided into three phases—observation, observation and participation, and full teaching responsibility. The many activities of the teacher are graded into nine Units on which the student concentrates in the above mentioned phases of the programme.

During the last week in November, the students visit the schools in St. John's in the afternoons only. During this period they observe, paying special attention to the activities outlined in the first three



THE CENTRAL HALL, WESTMINSTER.

The United Nations have taken over practically the whole of the large building at Central Hall, Westminster for their meetings which opened on January 10. Photo shows—Exterior view of Central Hall, Westminster.

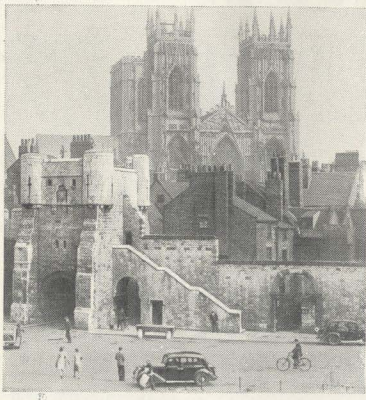
Units. During the last week in February they again visit the schools in the afternoons only. They continue to observe, and work with and study individuals and small groups. At this time special attention is given to the second three Units. During this period the student is not wholly responsible for the preparation or teaching of a whole lesson. Early in April the students spend two whole weeks in the schools, and concentrate on the remaining six Units. They continue to observe and to assist the class teacher by working with individuals and small groups. In addition to this, during the first week they assume full teaching responsibility for not more than three lessons each day; during the second week they are responsible for three lessons each day for three days, and are given full responsibility for the day's programme on two days.

Student teacher assignments are made in terms of the abilities, interests, and needs of the students. If a teacher is interested in the work of the Primary Grades and her Executive Officer of the Department of Education feels that she will be given a position in Primary School, she does her Practice Teaching in a Primary Room. If another is interested in the work of the High School Grades, she is given an opportunity to do her Practice Teaching

in a High School. To provide for continuity, the student remains in the same room during the three periods of Practice Teaching. If, however, the student has a special interest in the work of another group, she may obtain permission from the classroom teacher to visit that group.

Reports are made to the Teacher Training Department of the College by the student and by the classroom teacher. These reports include an Evaluation Sheet on which the classroom teacher rates the student in specific personal and professional qualities. Conferences are held between the classroom teacher and the student teacher, between student teacher and the Teacher Training staff, and between the classroom teachers and the Teacher Training staff.

In addition to the above Practice Teaching programme, a small group of students, accompanied by an instructor, observes a lesson in one of the schools each week during the second semester. Students and instructor take running notes on the lesson, and on the following day the instructors, the classroom teacher who taught the lesson, and all the students meet to discuss, in the light of educational principles, the lessons observed.



YORK MINSTER.

Parts of the present edifice date back to the 12th century but a church stood on the site as long ago as the 7th century and there is a wealth of historical interest to be found in this beautiful building. Picture shows—York Minster towers above the old city buildings revealing the grace of her twin towers.



Theory is of little value without practice. The Lecture Courses, the Practice Teaching, and the Observation are coordinated to prepare the teacher for his very important work.

Upon the successful completion of this course of study, and after one and a half year's experience acceptable to the Department of Education, the teacher is given a First Grade teacher's certificate.

Approximately one hundred students graduate from the Teacher Training Department of the College each year. This number is not sufficient to staff the schools. To meet the need the Department of Education conducts Summer Schools. Upon the successful completion of one or two Summer School courses, the student is granted a Third Grade or Second Grade teacher's certificate respectively. These teachers are encouraged, after having had some experience, to take the Teacher Training course at the Memorial University College.

Teachers holding first First Grade certificates are encouraged to return to the College to take the work of the Freshman and Sophomore years in Arts or Science. In the Freshman year they take High School Methods in addition to the regular subjects. In the Sophomore year Principles of Education is a required subject.

Those who seek further training must leave Newfoundland, and indeed many do. Further training should be available to students in their own

country, where courses planned to meet their needs could be offered.

The above Teacher Training programme is inadequate. Not more than ten per cent of the graduates of the Teacher Training Department return to the College for further training. It is impossible in one year to make provision for any degree of specialization. Primary education is a specialized field, and teachers engaged in this work should be fully qualified to build a sound educational foundation. The Principal is responsible for the policy and for the smooth running of his school. For this important position he needs special training. The teacher in the one-room school has the most difficult and the most important position. He should be specially trained and offered special inducement to remain in this type of school for a certain number of years.

It is hoped that soon the teachers will be in training for more than one year when provision for a degree of professional specialization and further training in academic subjects will be possible. Then Boards of Education will be able to employ teachers specially trained for the work of the different grades.

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# Notes for A History of Agriculture in Newfoundland.

By W. J. BROWNE.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE).

It would be surprising if any spectacular progress were made in agriculture following the abolition of the Model Farm and the repealing in 1924 of the Act for the Encouragement of Agriculture. Mr. W. J. Walsh was Minister of Agriculture and Mines 1924-28. Being a veteran miner he was especially interested in mining, but as the Secretary for Agriculture, Mr. Bayly, carried on his duties just the same, the Minister was able to do something to maintain interest in the farming industry. He sent the Secretary on a lecture tour of the chief farming areas, he established a lime-crushing plant in St. John's to supply farmers with lime at \$6.00 per ton. This was not appreciated for he reported in 1926 that "those most insistent on its establishment were now the least interested in its operations."

There is a suggestion that sometimes farmers do not exhibit good sense. The machine was removed to the Codroy Valley but there was no further report of its operations. The Minister also introduced the Act for the Registration of Pure Bred Animals; this Act is still in effect and must have been of great advantage to the farming community.

The import of potatoes dropped between 1924 and 1927 as follows:—

Year.	Busshels Imported.	Value.	Price per bushel.
1924-25	227,134	\$105,698	.47c
1925-26	95,458	73,148	.77
1926-27	69,198	47,476	.69

It will be seen that the price of potatoes may have affected the importation. It can be shown, I think, that apart from the amount needed for seed purposes, no potatoes need be imported into the country. In their Report for 1924, the Board of Trade, during the Presidency of Hon. F. H. Steer, whose family built up the farmland (where the C. of E. Boys Orphanage is now) commented upon the large amount of agricultural produce imported that should be produced in this country. They recommended the plan of settling communities in agricultural areas on a communal basis, the enterprise to be conducted co-operatively. The lack of any reference to the subject in any subsequent

Reports of this body suggests that the annual report is coloured by the views of the President of the year and that there is no continuity—at least on a subject only remotely interesting to its members. However in 1925 this body said "From the standpoint of Government finance and taxation, if we could only raise in this country half the products which are now being imported a tremendous cut could be made in taxation."

The Board also praised the work of the Poultry Association which for twelve years has held annual exhibitions and which for some years afterwards continued to keep the standard of poultry breeding in this country on a very high level. Their exhibits were always interesting. Professor Landry who came here often to act as Judge in the contest stated that there had been improvement in the

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quality of the poultry as a result of the efforts of the promoters of the work.

The death of Sir Robert Bond in 1926 put the Monroe Government on the spot. By his will the great Liberal statesman bequeathed his beautiful dwelling and landed property at Whitbourne to the Newfoundland Government in trust for the people of Newfoundland as a model farm forever. The Government brought the matter before the House of Assembly at the time and I remember making a plea to the Government to accept the bequest. The Opposition members, although nominally Liberals, were only mildly interested. The Government thereupon petitioned the Supreme Court to be relieved of their trust, so that the land went to the next of kin of the wise benefactor. It is interesting to note here that the settlement of Markland was later established directly south of the Bond estate on very much inferior land and cost about three quarters of a million dollars until it was finally abandoned. In my opinion Whitbourne was an ideal place for a Model Farm or Demonstration Farm, because it was on that part of the Avalon

Peninsula which was of easy access to people from almost any part of it.

The reason advanced for giving up the bequest was that "some day a corrupt Government might get in power and use it for a roadhouse." This was very discouraging to all those genuinely interested in promoting agriculture and who held that agriculture should be the basis of the country's prosperity. It will be remembered that the late Sir John Crosbie was Minister of Finance in the Monroe Government. During this time he formed the Newfoundland Butter Company, which has provided a market for farmers for their surplus milk. The Company pasteurized the milk and sold it again retail. This Company is now controlled by the English firm of Lever Brothers.

A new Crown Lands Act was introduced to limit the size of grants of land to each person and has proved beneficial. I must wait until the next number to tell the story of the Land Development Association which was composed of citizens anxious to promote agriculture and who really did something at a time when it was most needed.

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**A**LTHOUGH the firm's Golden Jubilee year was actually late in 1945, an energetic committee consisting of The Department Heads with Mr. J. W. Bartlett as Chairman and Mr. B. Morris as Secretary, starting to work last September, culminated its efforts on Wednesday, March 13th, by its presentation to the firm of a beautiful Desk Set of Onyx-Marble, surmounted by a Gold Caribou and two, one hundred year fountain pens.

The Caribou is a design by Mr. James Ewing of St. John's and was mounted on the set by Waterman's of Montreal, and supplied through their agents, Messrs. Butler Brothers of St. John's.

Just after store closing time, the day being a half holiday, Hon. Harold Macpherson, President of the firm, accompanied by Mr. C. L. Macpherson, Managing Director, came downstairs to find the firm's employees massed before them, to the number of over 200. Dr. Cluny Macpherson, Vice-President of the firm, accompanied by Cluny Macpherson, Jr., young son of the Managing Director, then joined the two other Directors, and all were addressed by Mr. J. W. Bartlett. In a very happy speech Mr. Bartlett explained the reason of the gathering, elucidating the growth of the firm from fifty years ago, which at the beginning had about 40 employees on the pay roll, and to-day around 360. Mr. Bartlett also made reference to many old employees, all of whom helped materially in the firm's growth.

Mr. Bartlett then announced that Mr. Carnell, Cashier, and the longest in the employ, would read the address, after which Miss Spry, who is the lady employee longest in the firm, would make the presentation.

Address read by Mr. Carnell:  
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To mark the occasion we have much pleasure in asking that this small gift be accepted, and placed on the President's desk.

It is our fervent wish that The Royal Stores, Limited, in the years to come, continue to enjoy the growth and prosperity it so well deserves.

(Signed) THE EMPLOYEES.

After the reading of the Address Miss Spry stepped forward and presented the set to Hon. Harold Macpherson, President of the firm.

The President spoke in reply and warmly thanked the Employees on behalf of himself and fellow Directors for their thoughtful action.

He said the choice of the Caribou, emblematic of Newfoundland, was also a significant one. During the firm's existence we have passed through two world wars, and young men have gone to them both from the desks and counters of The Royal Stores Ltd., some of whom would never return, therefore the Caribou would always remind him of great services.

Attractively designed and framed, the congratulatory Address was drawn up by a committee consisting of Mr. W. Stevenson, Mr. S. Bursell and Mr. A. Oke, and executed by Mr. Willis Sparrell, the firm's show card writer and display designer.

Messages of congratulations were received from the Firm's Branches at Grand Falls, Buchans and Millertown, also from The Riverside Woolen Mills, Limited, Mackinnon's C. B.

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4. Tuberculosis is **CURABLE**. It cannot be cured by medicines but only by rest and proper care and diet.
5. Tuberculosis is **PREVENTABLE**. A person with the disease need not spread it if he is properly informed of simple methods of prevention.
6. For both cure and prevention, early knowledge of a person's sickness is of paramount importance. The earlier the disease is recognized the better is the chance of cure.
7. Loss of weight, loss of appetite and reduced energy MAY be signs of early infection. A cough or cold that hangs on and does not get better is a dangerous sign. Spitting of blood is always a dangerous sign unless a medical examination shows another cause for it.
8. Any of the above symptoms should call for a medical examination at the first opportunity.
9. Where it is available, an X-Ray examination is the best test for early Tuberculosis.
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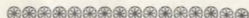


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**E**VEN to-day the little township of Arbroath retains many quaint and curious characteristics, and its people have the rugged nature of their own coast. A typical family is that of Sandy McTavish, usually known as Auld Sandy, his wife Jean and his two boys Jock and Wee Hector. Many are the tales told about this family of McTavish.

Auld Sandy has seen the world. When he was young he left home to make his fortune. On his return to Arbroath seventeen years later he was met by his three brothers, who asked him if he had lost anything on his travels. He denied that he had, and they said that it was at least evident that he had not lost his accent. He remarked that all his three brothers had grown long beards.

"Yes," said his eldest brother, "don't you remember that you took the razor with you?"

Sandy keeps a little farm, of which he and Jean are very proud. On Sundays, as an elder of the Kirk, he dons decent black, and no work is done. The late Minister was once relating in detail all the glories of the world to come: "A new heaven and a new earth," he said triumphantly, 'Doesn't that attract you Sandy?'

"Weel, tae be honest, no, sir," said Sandy, "gie me my ain fairm, guid horses an' plenty manure an' I'll be richt content whaur I am!"

Just recently a new Minister was appointed, one greatly interested in agriculture,—a fact which aroused much local comment. One day a visitor in conversation with Auld Sandy, asked, "And is your Minister clever, Sandy?"

"Oh aye," replied Sandy, "he has talent by ordinar'—man he could nearly hae been a fairmer if he'd persevered."

When this Minister first came he was not long from college, and took a little time to find his level among local folk. One day, when calling at the McTavish farm, he met Sandy's ploughman. "They told me you were a fool," he said to that worthy.

"Ah," retorted the ploughman, "They tel't me ye were a grand preacher, but we shouldna believe a' we hear!"

It is said that a new broom sweeps clean, and the young Minister was very suitably earnest in his efforts to bring their responsibilities home to his flock. One Sabbath he asked:

"Wad onybody in this gatherin' like a prayer for his failin's?"

"I wad," said Sandy, "I'm awfu' reckless wi' siller!"

"Verra, well, we'll offer prayer for ye,—after the collection!" said the speaker.

Probably Auld Sandy found, as a family man, that the siller went sufficiently quickly. On one occasion Jean said to him, "I've juist patched a hole in baith o' yer trouser pockets, Sandy, was that not thoughtfu' o' yer wife?"

"Maybe it wis," answered Sandy, "but wad ye tell me hoo ye kent there were holes in ony o' them?"

Sandy's opinion was often sought by the leading men of the little town, who recognized how shrewd his judgment was, and how deep was his understanding of men and affairs. His friend the Provost once asked him to come and see a new statue. Sandy gazed at it dubiously and then remarked:—"Aye, it's a fine statue, but that's an awfu' queer pose."

"Weel, ye see," explained the Provost, "when it was statit I was meant tae be on horse-back, but the committee found they couldna afford the horse!"

Wee Hector the youngest member of the McTavish household, was a cheery rather impudent soul who was popular with everyone. His parents gave him, perhaps, more attention after their elder son had joined the forces. At school he developed signs of diplomacy at an early stage, as when his teacher asked, "What word is this, Hector?" pointing to 'parallelogram,' and he replied, "I ken it fine be sicht, but I cannot name it!"

At the end of term a concert was given in the school-room for the benefit of parents and friends. It came to Hector's turn to give his bag-pipe solo. When the applause had died down a voice from the back shouted "Give us 'Annie Lannie,' Hector!"

"What?" asked Hector, surprised and flattered, "Again?"

An occasion upon which Hector had to use all his tact was when his school report was far from being a good one. Even the music master, a retired pipe-Major, could only report that his playing of the pipes was "vigorous." Auld Sandy was displeased. "Hoo dare-ye bring hame a report like this, Hector?" he demanded. "Well, faither," replied Wee Hector, "I was promised 5/- if I brocht hame a guid report an' I ken ye canna afford it!"

Needless to say, Wee Hector did not obtain his bonus without a good report, and his finances were accordingly strained for a while. Not long afterwards, however, he was fortunate enough to be instrumental in restoring to an old lady some money she had lost. The old lady said to Hector "Thank you, little man, you are an honest little boy, but I lost a 10/-note, and not ten shillings in silver!" to which he replied, "Aye, I ken, but I thoct ye might need change!" And being a kind old dame she did.

Auld Sandy found that by putting additional acres of somewhat barren land under the plough, and growing certain crops, he could qualify for a fairly substantial Government subsidy. The legal regulations were obscure and involved. So little progress was made by correspondence that Sandy felt it best to save time by visiting London to see the authorities personally. He had not had a holiday since the war began, and knew that it would give him an opportunity of seeing his elder son, who was in training near the capital. So one day he set off, taking Wee Hector with him.

In the express, on the journey South, an Englishman seated opposite to him said, "Excuse me saying so, but this journey from Scotland to London is very tiring," to which the retort of Sandy was, "It ocht to be,—it cost a braw penny!"

Later on the journey the guard of the train looked in and asked, "Has ony passenger a wee case in my van? Sandy, with deep concern, said, "I have, and it contains some very valuable information." "Aye weel," said the guard drily, "ye'd better come wi' me,—your information's leakin'!"

On arrival at Euston Auld Sandy and Wee Hector made their way to one of the waiting taxis. "Hoo much wad it cost tee tak' us an' our luggage tae the Caledonian Hotel?" Sandy asked the driver. "Half-a-Crown, sir,—no charge for luggage," replied the taxi-driver. "Fine!" said Sandy, "Juist tak' our luggage and we'll walk!"

At the Caledonian Hotel, Sandy, on asking the charge for Bed and Breakfast, was told:—"First floor,—1 guinea, 2nd floor,—12/6d, and 3rd floor, 8/6d." "Na, na," said Auld Sandy, "yer hotel's very nice, but no near high enough!"

After they had a wash and some food Wee Hector went out to see the sights,—such of them like the blitzed areas, as can be seen by a young Scotsman for nothing. His father thought that the comforts of the bar were more attractive, and remained indoors. Before going Wee Hector said, "Am I worth a awfu' lot o' siller ta ye, faither?" "Aye, laddie, ye are that! Auld Sandy replied. "Weel, could ye advance me saxpence o' it?" asked his hopeful son.

Auld Sandy made a striking figure when he entered the bar,—broad shouldered, bronzed with a great bristling red beard, his kilt showing to advantage his still trim waist. A friendly new arrival, who came in just after him, came up and said, "Hullo, MacGregor!" "Pardon me, my name's no' McGregor," said Sandy. "Well, you must have a double then," said the Londoner. "Thank ye kindly, sir,—I will that!" the delighted Scot replied.

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Limping and badly damaged the pair managed to reach an alley, where they rubbed their bruises and examined the purse. In it they found Hector's sixpence. One of the men pushed a trembling hand across his brow. "Well, Bill," he said, "it's a darn good job it wasn't a shilling, or he would have murdered us!"

That night the Manager of the Caledonian Hotel was passing the bedroom of Auld Sandy when he saw the Boots cleaning a pair of boots outside the door. "Take those boots to the basement," he said. "I can't sir," replied the Boots, "There's an Angus gentleman in here hanging on to the laces."

The following morning Sandy called at the Ministry of Agriculture, and in the evening was free to provide some entertainment for Wee Hector. He took him to a lecture on Economy by a fellow Scot,—“all seats free.” The Chairman and many of the audience were of Scottish descent,—a great many Scots are being born in England now,—it saves the railway fare. The lecturer mentioned that during his economy campaign he had had letters of appreciation from England, Ireland and Wales—and a postcard from Scotland. At the close the Chairman said how much he had been impressed by the arguments brought forward in favor of economy, adding “Now, gentlemen. I should like you to give our speaker two very hearty cheers!” Auld Sandy found the lecturer very interesting, but the afternoon's enjoyment was spoilt for him when a collection was made to cover expenses,—“Man,” he said afterwards, but whit way do they spoil everything comin' roond wi' yon wee bag?”

Auld Sandy was recalled hurriedly to Arbroath by the news that his great-uncle Fergus McTavish, a soured and cranky old bachelor of 101, was seriously ill.

In the main street of Arbroath next day, when stopped by a friend, Sandy said he was on the way to the undertaker's, as great-uncle Fergus was

worse. “But, mon,” exclaimed his friend, “it's no an undertaker ye want; it's a doctor!” “Na, na,” said Sandy, “I canna afford to deal wi' middlemen.”

Old Fergus McTavish was in fact called to his fathers, and on the way to his funeral Sandy's wife Jean discovered she had no handkerchief, so she went in to buy one in the village store. “What price will I gie ye?” said the shopkeeper. “Oh,” said Jeannie, “juist a cheap ane,—for a' the time I'll be greetin'!”

Auld Sandy had the privilege of following the hearse in the first coach with the Minister. He turned to the latter and said, “I mind when I was just a wee laddie I was in the last coach, since then I've moved forward till I'm in the first. Noo I'm tellin' ye, Minister, that I'm no looking for further promotion!”

Great-uncle Fergus was buried with ham, in other words something of a funeral feast was held in memory of the dear departed once the burial ceremony was over. Sandy's ploughman, always a good trencherman, was prominent in this part of the proceedings. The Minister remarked to him that he often saw him at funerals but he had not noticed him at a wedding. “Weel,” said the ploughman, “I dinna care ower much for a weddin' wi' a' they speeches,—I prefer a guid funeral where its just plain suppin'!”

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For Spring's sojourn.*

### II.

*Hail little brooks that murmur low !  
Stronger suns and melting snow  
Will soon precipitate your flow,  
To nourish Spring.*

*I saw three robins just to-day ;  
They picked the ground, upturned the clay ;  
Looked smartly up and flew away,  
To hurry Spring.*

### III.

*Tired faces look with anxious eyes ;  
See colds retreat, as winter flies ;  
See hills loom grey, turn green ; and skies  
Soft draped for Spring.*

*With snow all gone, the fields are bare ;  
The new moon shows the weather fair ;  
And Uncle Ben has washed his hair !  
Sure, this is Spring.*

### IV.

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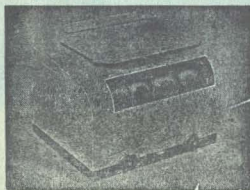
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